

Remarks

In the office action mailed March 31, 1009, the Examiner allowed claims 17-23, and the Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,732,269 (Baskey).

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-16 without prejudice. By cancelling these claims, Applicant does not acquiesce in the rejections of the claims. Rather, Applicant is cancelling the claims merely to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims in a continuation application.

Now pending are claims 17-23, all of which are allowed. Therefore, Applicant will await receipt of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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